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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 15th meeting, on 25 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Strong support was expressed for the programme and appreciation was expressed for the important coordinating role and work so far of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa. The view was expressed that the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) represented a vision and a strategic framework for Africa's renewal.

4. Emphasis was placed on the importance of the programme in providing a framework for coordinated and coherent support by the international community for Africa's development, which would be an important tool for Africa in realizing the

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Millennium Development Goals. At the same time, the view was expressed that the achievement of the Goals could not be accomplished by Africa on its own but that the mobilization of the international community was required to provide the necessary resources and increase development assistance efforts, including overseas development aid, provide long-term development support, ensure close working relationships with the Bretton Woods institutions and strengthen South-South cooperation in support of Africa's development.

5. It was hoped that the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa would continue to fulfil its mandate of effectively monitoring the implementation of the relevant commitments contained in the 2005 World Summit Outcome (General Assembly resolution 60/1) and that an appropriate follow-up mechanism would be put in place to ensure that the substantive proposals contained in the Outcome were pursued.

6. The view was expressed that global advocacy, regional coordination and public information and awareness in support of NEPAD were important objectives.

7. It was recognized that one of the biggest challenges facing NEPAD at the moment was to find human resources capacity at the national and regional levels to implement the programme. The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa was encouraged to pursue greater strategic oversight of the implementation of regional coordination.

8. It was emphasized that a stable and prosperous Africa was essential for world peace and development, and as such the view was expressed that African countries needed to intensify their efforts, with concerted support from the international community, including the United Nations system, to bring about durable peace and sustainable development in Africa and to fight corruption.

9. While it was acknowledged that advocacy was an important part of subprogramme 1, Coordination of global advocacy of and support for NEPAD, the view was expressed that the focus should not only be on United Nations systems support and that the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa should develop a strategy for outside support. At the same time, measures should be taken to develop a more effective awareness campaign and to establish a link between the United Nations University and academic institutions in Africa, as education and information exchange are regarded as key success factors for the development of Africa.

10. The view was expressed that there was a need to increase the visibility of the activities and objectives of United Nations support for NEPAD, which were not yet sufficiently known, both inside and outside of Africa.

11. The importance of subprogramme 3, Public information and awareness activities in support of NEPAD, was acknowledged as a means of increasing international awareness and mobilizing support for the development of Africa through the existing Department of Public Information network and the media; hence the need for effective coordination between the Department and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa was emphasized in order to achieve the overall objective of global advocacy in support of Africa's development. At the same time, the Office and the Department were encouraged to continue to expand and develop their advocacy on behalf of Africa to include activities at the grass-roots level in order to establish a clear understanding of the objectives of United Nations system support for NEPAD at all levels, as well as targeting business groups as a source of

concrete partnerships and projects. At the same time, structured cooperation with the mass media should form part of the public information campaign.

12. It was indicated that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further refinement, especially with regard to making reference to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Conclusions and recommendations

13. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

At the end of accomplishment (b), insert the words ", with the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals".

Strategy

Paragraph 9.10

At the end of the paragraph, add the following sentence: "The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa will make available on its website summary updates of monitoring done by expert bodies of progress in implementing commitments made to Africa in this context."

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Objective of the Organization

After the words "sustainable development of the region" replace the word "support" with the words "pursuit of the goals".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add new accomplishment (c) reading "(c) Enhanced awareness of the target audience of the aims of NEPAD".

Indicators of achievement

Add new indicator (c) reading "(c) The percentage of the target audience indicating awareness of the aims of NEPAD".